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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a work to rule strike by the BSNL and MTNL engineering staff recently;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the details of the demands of these employees;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate their problems; and

(e) the losses suffered by the Government due to strike?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Executives Negotiating Council consisting of Telecom Engineering Officers Association (India), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Executive Association (India) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited Executives Association went on an indefinite work to rule agitation w.e.f. 23.10.02 for fulfillment of their demands.

(c) The details of their demands were:

1. IDA pay scales for executives in BSNL and MTNL.
2. Payment of Pension by Government for MTNL optees.
3. Benefit of IDA pay scale for officers retiring in the intervening period.
4. Pay scale and pay fixation for DEs(Adhoc).
5. No lateral entry at the level of JTO and above.
6. Time bound promotion and service weightage.
7. Cadre review for the cadres of JTOs & SDEs.

(d) Discussions / meetings were held with the representatives of the Executives Negotiating Council. The issues of concern i.e. IDA pay scales, fitment formula, promotional policy, payment of pension by Government for MTNL optees, etc. are being actively considered for approval by the Government. The agitation was called off on 31-10-2002.

(e) It is very difficult to quantitfy the losses in terms of money in such cases, especially, when the traffic only in a few directions was showing intermittent failure (Details given in Annexure).

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF TELECOM SERVICES AFFECTED ON SOME DAYS DUE TO TRADE UNION ACTIONS BY THE EXEC NEGOTIATING COUNCIL FROM 23.10.2002 TO 31.10.2002

Gujarat Telecom Circle:

1. Following TAX routes were affected on 26.10.2002:

Am-Godra, Vadodara-New Delhi, Vadodara-Indore, Vadodara-Mehsana, Vadodara-Palanpur, Mehsana-Vadodara, Amreli-Bhuj, Am-Bangalore, Am-Bhopal, Am-Nasik, Rajkot-Agra, Rajkot-Cuttuck, Rajkot-Coimbatore, Rajkot-Patna, Rajakot-Hyderabad, Vadodara-Jodhpur, Vadodara-Lucknow, Vadodara-Am, Vadodara-Agra, Mehsana-Nasik, Mehsana-Godra, Mehsana-Anand, Mehsana-Himmatnagar, Mehsana-Surat.

2. Leased Circuits including circuits to press:

a) Circles to ISPs, Cellular Operators and leased lines were disturbed in the night.
b) BSNL Cellular Mobile Services also disturbed Pune MSC not accessible.

3. Long distance transmission network.

(a) New Delhi one PCM failure.

(b) U.P.(West) Telecom circle : 42 Nos of PCM between NOIDA and Delhi faulty.

(c) Kerala Telecom Circle: Following TAX routes affected:

TVM-Bombay, GTPR, EKM-Bombay, EKM-Kolkata, EKM-Coimbatore, EKM-Chennai, EKM-Hyderabad, EKM-Baroda, EKM-Agra and Kollam-GDS.